

## Student centre proposed

### Engineering students to submit design as class project

Karen Neath

The wheels are set in motion for a student run and student funded centre at the Doon campus.

The centre will be equipped with office space for the DSA and Spoke, meeting rooms for individual clubs and entertainment facilities that will include a bar, sports bar, games room and lounge.

Third-year construction engineering and technology students have devoted the better part of this semester to the design for the proposed centre.

The class has been divided into groups and each group must create their own design. The winning design will be picked before Christmas by a panel of instructors

and professionals.

The student design will be used as a basis for the final design. The student designs will be used in the near future to attract attention and gain enthusiasm for an on-campus student centre.

The proposed location for the student centre, selected by the class as a whole, is over the small pond between the new parking lot and the nursing wing.

John Lassel, DSA president and a member of the class explained that it is very important for the centre to be student controlled.

"We don't want administration to steal the idea away from us. This is a student idea to get a student building on campus," he said.

The construction students are required to come up with the basic design of the building, including drawings and a model. Lassel would like to see the top three designs on display in one of the main corridors on campus.

"We have put a lot of work into this. We went to the University of Waterloo, Wilfrid Laurier and the University of Guelph and the DSA will be going to other colleges to see how the student centres are designed and run," he said.

The winning designs will be picked by programme co-ordinator Arden Mertz, and instructors Gord Lipke, Dave Wareham, Shiv Talwar and Bill Alderson.



Ed Lipski, Doug McIntosh and Peter Waters (L to R) have their design checked by instructor Gord Lipke (Photo by Karen Neath)

## Tibbits asks students to work with the administration

By Robert W. Maddox

The president of Conestoga College, John Tibbits, said students have to tell administration what they want — and a way to do that is through students and administration working together.

Tibbits indicated that "strategic plans" will set a direction for Conestoga over the next 10 years, when he spoke to student association members from Waterloo, Guelph, and Doon campuses Nov. 5.

Doon Student Association president John Lassel, said he felt left out of the college's decision making process and wanted to know what the DSA's future would be when the strategic plan

was working.

Or is it a "take it or leave it" situation, Lassel asked, where the student association is excluded from having a voice in future plans.

Tibbits said it was difficult to know how students feel when the past student president made it to only "one" planning commission meeting.

Lassel said he wanted students and administration to work together and stop blaming "that damn administration" for problems.

According to Tibbits, "(The students) have to tell (the administrators) the involvement (they) want."

There are a "handful of teachers"

who don't come to teach and the college would "be better off" without them. He said the strategic plan would allow students an input into programs to make them better.

Tibbits said he wants to see more students succeed and cited Conestoga's high drop-out rate as an area to improve. A better "screening process" would pick students who have a higher chance of success. Conestoga can offer students better financial aid and peer tutoring which would "promote student success."

Conestoga must "maximize every dollar" because provincially funded schools do not enjoy the benefits of a local tax base, the college president said. Each year,

he said, municipal school boards have a 10 per cent tax increase, where colleges are "struggling" to keep up with their debts. He estimated this year's revenue increase to be seven per cent.

Tibbits said the college is a complex organization which must provide workers for an ever-changing world. The world is experiencing a "flux" where jobs are being created and lost incredibly fast. So fast, that colleges have difficulty providing students with up-to-date and worthwhile programs. In the last few years we cut "three" unpopular programs because the college was not earning enough money by running them. In September of this year, Conestoga programs were "filled 102 per cent," he added. The president said

he wants to improve popular programs which attract a large number of applications. The law and security administration program had over 800 applications last year, yet first semester could only hold 85.

He said more people work and go to school on a part-time basis than ever before and Conestoga has become a training institution.

Tibbits cited a \$15-million training program Conestoga applied for (and was awarded) to educate Toyota employees. This revenue would be put back into the college and improve Conestoga facilities, he concluded.

## Student and faculty representatives get vote on board



DSA President John Lassel will be representing the students on the board of governors

(Photo by Sarah Bowers)

By John Volmers

Conestoga College's board of governors will be giving its student and faculty representatives a vote on the board.

The decision was made by the council of regents, a branch of the provincial government that watches over Ontario colleges.

Doon Student Association president John Lassel, who will be representing the student body on the board, said he thinks the decision is a wise one and will help the students get what they want.

"Rather than going to the administration and going through all the red tape, we can go right to the

board, who make the decisions."

Lassel said that last year the students had little say over financial issues that concerned them such as the increase in parking prices.

"It would have been nice to have had a representative on the board saying, 'Hey guys, \$30 is a little expensive.'"

Although Lassel admitted he could only speculate as to why the council of regents decided to allow a student and faculty vote, he did say that he thinks some of the credit could be given to the Ontario Community College Student Presidents Association (OCCSPA). Lassel, who has just been chosen vice-chairperson of the group, said that they petitioned the government on

the issue of allowing a student vote on the board. Lassel said he feels this and new awareness of how important the student body has become, helped create the new format.

"I think they're getting to the point where they think the students' opinion does count."

Currently, Lassel said, the board only has about 13 members. This means one vote will carry some weight on the board.

"If you have a vote, you can actually shape things on the board," Lassel said. "Our vote may be the difference between another parking increase or not."



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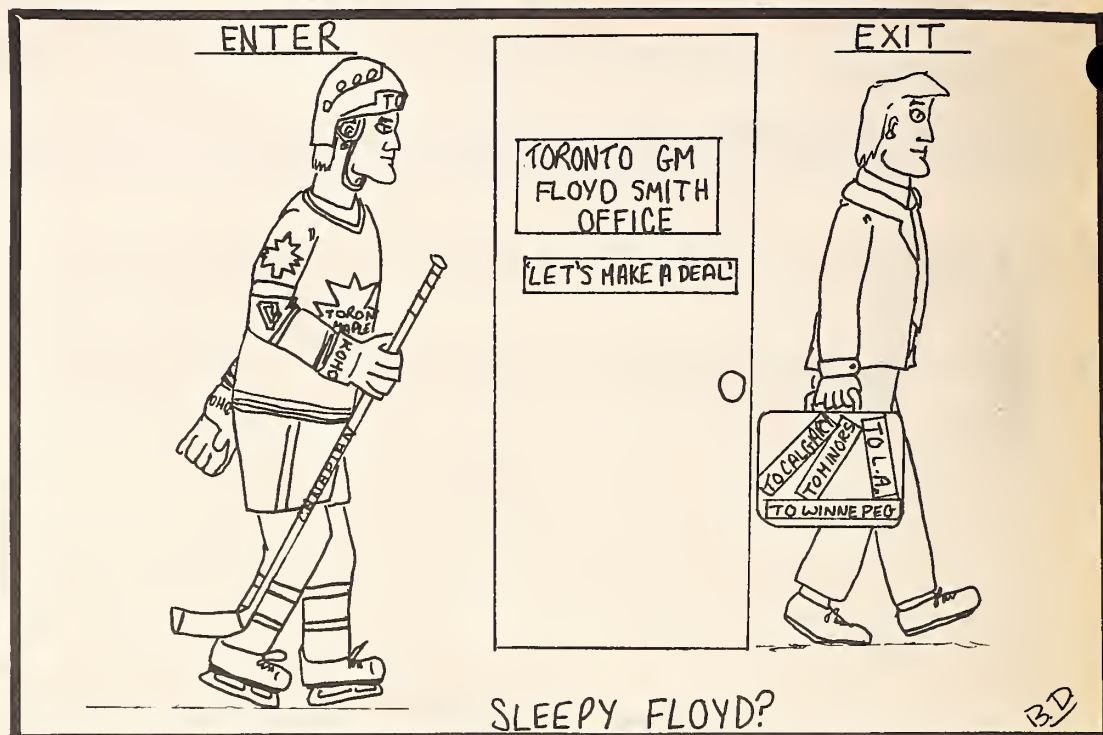
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## OPINION



## College needs an arbitrator

by P. Hohnholz Gesiarz

The political environment that was created through the amalgamation of various institutions, forming what is now known as the Ontario college system, has had a destructive effect on the delivery of educational services to students.

More than two decades after the formation of the colleges, political infighting and territorial disputes still exist.

These internal conflicts, aside from their educational consequences, affect the credibility of colleges as educational institutions.

Conestoga College is no exception to this dubious history.

It is encouraging to see, however, that various initiatives are being taken to legitimize the college as an educational institution. Policies replacing ad hoc or conventional ways now serve objectives, purposes and conduct of individuals associated with this community.

For example, the strategic plan and the students' rights and responsibilities bill now provide guidelines to the formation of policy where none existed before.

Moreover, these guidelines and policies are being enforced.

Students, faculty and administration finally know where they stand in relationship to each other.

Policies and guidelines have replaced the uncertainty of convention.

As a student, two aspects of these recent initiatives concern me:

First, there are still groups and individuals in the college who are not sensitive to the need of clearly defining rules and procedures.

Take Spoke for example. Conestoga College's newspaper has no viable constitution outlining its mandate, its function as a student newspaper, or the role of faculty supervision.

All that exists at the moment is a financial contract between the Doon student association and the journalism program for producing the paper.

There is nothing in writing guaranteeing the editorial freedom of individuals who write for the paper from faculty or from the DSA.

My second concern is the procedures for investigating grievances.

There will be conflicts of interests arising around those who rule on grievances.

Take the grievance procedure for the student rights and responsibilities document.

In academic grievances, complaints will be investigated by the chair of each division. For non-academic problems the present means of arbitration continues. These conflicts will continue to be resolved by individuals involved or by the program.

These procedures are unrealistic. If the college were serious about seeking a fair way to deal with grievances, it would establish an impartial arbitrator.

What Conestoga College needs is an ombudsperson.

The college must recognize itself as a public institution. It must be accountable and responsible. Otherwise, there will be too much room for procedural discrimination within the college community.

## Will Iraq be another Vietnam?

What is happening in Kuwait? If there never is a war over this whole incident, Saddam Hussein has won. War is not being condoned here; peace, love and togetherness is.

Has this whole thing gone on long enough or could the leaders of the world drag it out for a few more months? There are thousands of moms, dads, wives, husbands and children who are waiting, on the edge, and wondering whether they'll get to spend Christmas with their loved ones.

Forget about Christmas. What about all the birthdays and wedding anniversaries that will never be celebrated again?

Come on. Are you going to let a madman ruin all of these special memories? But you don't care; you aren't

missing them, right, Brian, George, Saddam?

Who cares about the recession, the oil prices? Think about the families. If there is a full-fledged war maybe it will be your family. Your brother, sister, uncle, aunt, boyfriend, girlfriend.

There has to be something that can stop Hussein. So boys, if you were smart enough to get elected, DO SOMETHING.

The headlines will read "Vietnam, AGAIN!" The stories will say "Yesterday it was Vietnam, today it is Iraq". Let's not let it happen again.

Saddam Hussein. Spell Saddam backwards, what do you get? Mad das(s). Doesn't that fit?

—By Karen Neath

## Referees' job is a necessary evil

Is there a job more challenging than being a referee. Seriously folks, everybody hates you. The players, the coaches, the fans. Especially the fans, whose main social activity for the week includes cursing at two or three other human beings over the three periods.

The worst teams to watch are the younger ones. Parents swearing, and arguing the referee's calls (like they really know what is going on half the time). It makes one wonder if it was the NHL instead of a bunch of eight-year olds just learning the basics of the sport.

Should these eight-year olds even be listening to this. No wonder there is such a problem with violence in hockey, when parents are out there undermining the

referee's calls at every turn. Surely, this action will eventually rub off on the player.

Nothing has to be more frustrating for a referee than being told by an eight-year old that you don't know what you're talking about just because he heard mom yelling it in the stands.

Referee's are not bad people. They are just helping out the community. What would happen if there were no referees?: No hockey! But, then there would be no screaming moms or dads either. One thing is for certain — referees sure have it tough.

—By Marianne Brooks

## Music fans: listen to your neighbors

During the last couple of years, Canada has produced more critically acclaimed rock, country and blues bands than any other country in the world. These bands, however, still fail to get the popularity they deserve in their homeland.

With their own Top 40 music scenes producing little in innovation or respectability, the British and American press have been giving Canadian bands such as Blue Rodeo, The Cowboy Junkies and The Jeff Healey Band rave reviews. Rolling Stone Magazine was one of the first American publications to notice Blue Rodeo, saying, with some surprise, that the best new American band (Blue Rodeo) may not be American.

Still, American and British bands sell-out huge arenas all over Canada, while established Canadian

bands are forced to play small halls and nightclubs.

It seems that a recording act has to become popular worldwide before Canadians will accept them as being more than just a local band. Record sales in Canada are not the problem. Most of the bands in question sell records to the point of gold and platinum status. It's the small support that the bands get as a live act that is most concerning. Wouldn't it be great to see 54-40 or Blue Rodeo sell out the Toronto Skydome, instead of playing for half-drunk bar patrons?

If this lack of support continues, Canadian bands might stop touring all together and become just recording acts. This would be a shame because the average Canadian band can play with the raw energy that other bands can only dream of.

—By John Volmers

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## You tell us

What do you want Santa Claus to bring you for Christmas?



A trip to Cancun and a lifejacket for the booze cruise.  
Joe Rettinger, marketing, 2nd year.

I haven't given it much thought yet. I guess a new radio with a compact disk player and two cassettes.  
Zdravko Markovic, electrical engineering technology, 1st year.



I'd say a brand-new, candy apple red Ferrari.  
Donna Ferraro, early childhood education, 1st year.

I know what it is but I can't remember her name.  
John Burdett, law and security administration, 2nd year.



A red, 1991 Corvette.  
Richard Gojmerac, electronic technician, 2nd year.

A beach house in Hawaii. Somewhere warm.  
Michelle French, early childhood education, 1st year.



I want him to bring me a mountain of chocolate and more chocolate.  
Eric Brandt, computer program analysis, 3rd year.

## Letters to the editor

### College offers rape information

Dear Editor,

During the week of Nov. 19 to 23, you will see printed information on all campuses about Date Rape. The videotape "When No Means Rape" will also be shown at the Guelph, Waterloo and Doon campuses.

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working hard to address a difficult and complex issue.

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## Meet the DSA

Part of a continuing series on the DSA executive



Al McPherson, assistant pub manager (Photo by Marianne Brooks)

## McPherson wants students involved

By Marianne Brooks

Al McPherson, the assistant pub manager, wants to see students involved with activities at the college this year and not necessarily just the activities that involve alcohol.

He also wants to see everybody happy with the pubs and have a good turnout.

McPherson feels that the recent cancellation of the Halloween pub had nothing to do with school spirit.

"I found when I was selling tickets people didn't have money or they were busy doing their mid-terms. Possibly the pub was scheduled at the wrong time."

The 19-year-old, second-year marketing student's duties as assistant pub manager, include helping supervise pub staff, making things run more efficiently, selling tickets, assisting with other DSA activities, filling in for Peter Waters (pub manager) and accepting the delivery of beer and ice.

Referring to pub staff, McPherson says that they are very cooperative and that everybody on staff gets along. He feels that helps, because then, everybody does their job properly.

"They realize what they have to do and do it," McPherson said.

McPherson hopes to be involved with the DSA executive again next year. He says he would like to be pub manager but says other positions are a possibility.

He says he finds that the DSA and his marketing course have a lot in common. He said both involve working with people and sales. He added that the DSA gives him supervisory experience. McPherson got the assistant pub manager's position by applying for it and was required to sit through interviews with vice-president Liz Hermle, president John Lassel and Waters.

"It was somewhat of a challenge being in an interview situation with peers and applying for a student job working for the students," McPherson said.

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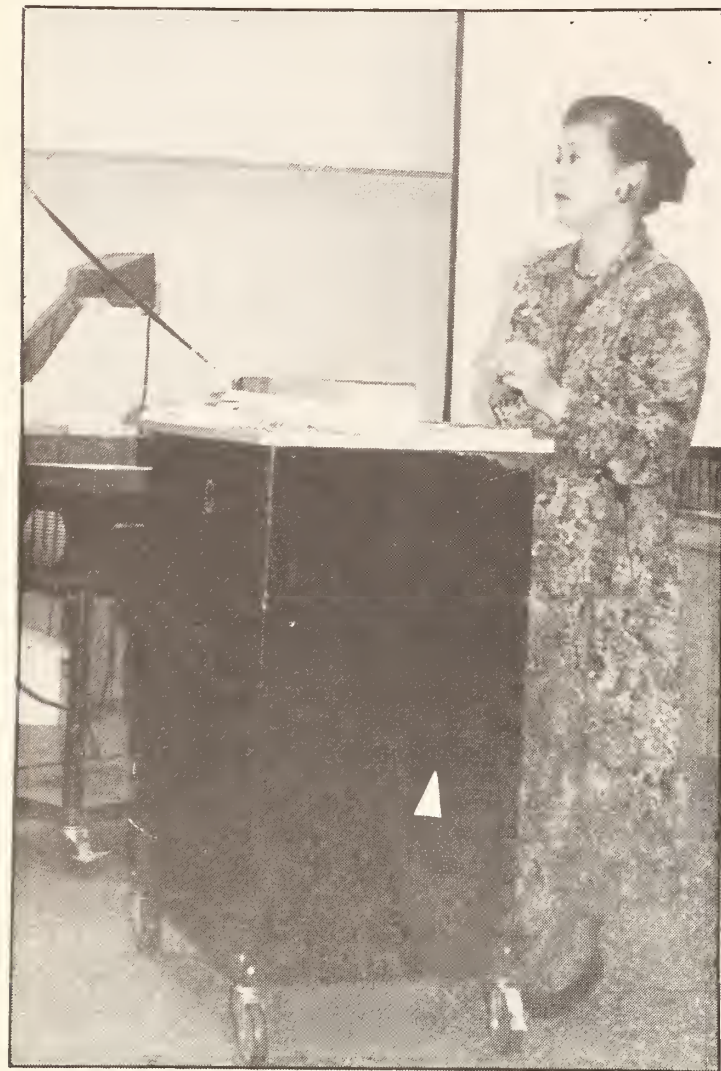
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# CRTC commissioner speaks at Doon campus



Bev Ota, CRTC commissioner, talks to broadcasting students on Nov. 6.  
(Photo by Bill Doucet)

By Bill Doucet

Economics is the most important factor when considering a licence to operate a radio or broadcasting station says Bev Ota of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC). She spoke to broadcasting students on Nov. 6 at Conestoga College's Doon campus.

Ota has been a CRTC commissioner for the past three years and chaired the CRTC panel in May that denied four applications for a new FM station in the Waterloo Region. The panel then made the decision to award the Toronto market a licence for a country station.

The CRTC said a new FM station locally could hurt existing stations and wouldn't be financially feasible at this point. The five radio stations in the Waterloo Region are: CHYM, CIAM, CKGL, AM-109 and CFCA. The stations are in need of revenue and that is part of the reason why the licence was denied.

"The other four stations were barely breaking even, one (AM-109) was losing money," Ota said.

Ota said AM radio is just surviving, while FM radio is slowly on

the rise.

"At this time, the commission felt there was not room for a new station."

Ota also said Canada cannot support all their (broadcasting) services. To maintain the services, there must be 250 million viewers and there aren't that many. Ota said that the future for broadcasting is with new technology. The two new innovations are digital radios and HDTV (high-definition television).

The future will rely on consumers, whether they will pay for the receivers for digital radio. The HDTV will also depend on consumers. If people want to pay the extra money for the new equipment and transmission. She's hoping the same trend with quadrophonic televisions doesn't happen with HDTV.

"Quadrophonic sound was supposed to be the big thing, and people were making all these sets, but it never worked."

A huge hurdle for HDTV is what technical standard will be used. Americans and Europeans have their own standards, while the Japanese have theirs (Japan already has HDTV). Each wants their standard to be the universal

one, she said.

Ota also said there was going to be a 100-channel universe. An 80-channel service should be offered by NBC in the U.S. by 1992 and Rupert Murdoch plans to start a 100-channel Skyservice in the U.S. by 1994.

"This is going to be a reality. It's no longer science fiction," Ota said.

The problem the CRTC sees with this is how to maintain a Canadian broadcasting system. Ota suggested that Canadians stations must stop relying on U.S. programming.

"But (unfortunately) we cannot stop people from receiving American services," she said.

Ota says the CRTC has a problem with the government trying to add competition for the CBC. The government wants a service that reflects the region's culture and is broadcast throughout Canada.

"That's what the CBC is. Why create something else," she said.

Ota says the government shouldn't have any involvement in broadcasting, though they want to. It is "dangerous" for the government to get involved and the "government must be removed from broadcasting."

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## Review

### Jacob's ladder creates powerful images

By John Volmers

The newly released film Jacob's Ladder, combines horror, action, drama and suspense, resulting in one of the most memorable movies of the fall line-up.

The movie deals with Jacob Singer, a Vietnam veteran who is trying to cope with the break-up of his marriage and the death of one of his children. Jacob's real trouble begins when he has nightmares about his war experiences and hallucinations about being chased by demons.

After discovering the other members of his platoon are having the same problems, Jacob becomes convinced that the American government used experimental drugs on him and his platoon during the war, and that he is suffering from drug-induced flashbacks.

In an attempt to find out the truth, Jacob discovers a government cover-up that suggests he never fought in the war but was

kicked out of the army because of mental problems \_ before the war began.

There is, however, much more to this film than just a strong script about a crooked government. In fact, the script takes a back seat for the majority of the film to make way for the stunning visual effects, brought on by Jacob's hallucinations, dreams and flashbacks.

During the film, the audience joins Jacob on an effectively horrifying trip through his past, present and possible future. They involve government-run mental institutions, needle-totin' demon doctors, lobotomies and human beings that have been mutated in just about every way you can think of.

The film moves at an exhilarating pace before finally coming to a surprise ending that puts all the pieces of the puzzle together. It leaves the audience with the satisfied feeling of having seen a film that is both unpredictable and intelligent. Qualities that have been

missing in many recent films.

Jacob's Ladder was directed by Adrian Lyne, who in the past has directed such films as Flashdance and 9 1/2 weeks, but is best known for his 1987 hit, Fatal Attraction.

Because Lyne moves the film along with such alarming speed and fills it with such powerful images, it is impossible to take your eyes off the screen for even a minute. He also manages to sneak in a fair amount of symbolism and clues that add to the mystery of the story.

Starring in the film are: Tim Robbins (Bull Durham) as Jacob, Danny Aiello (Do The Right Thing) and Elizabeth Pena (La Bamba). The rest of the cast deliver above-average performances, especially Robbins, whose powerful portrayal creates pity and fear for his character.

Jacob's Ladder is playing at the King's College Square in downtown Kitchener and is rated R.

## Spirit low at Doon

By Sarah Bowers

It may be the fall blues, but four out of five students surveyed in the Nov. 12 issue of SPOKE said that school spirit was low.

Cheryl Davenport, activities co-ordinator for the DSA, said the year started off well with orientation week, but spirit can be improved and it must be maintained.

Davenport, who has held her position for three years, said spirit differs from year to year with different times being lower than others. Mid-terms seem to drag people out, Davenport said.

The Halloween pub scheduled for Oct. 31 was cancelled when only 70 tickets were sold. Although there is no set limit for the amount of sales required before an event, DSA executives decided that there was not enough student interest, said Tim Egerdeen. He said that the reason for the Nov. 15 pub to be rescheduled to Nov. 22, was the booking agency was having scheduling problems.

"It happens in the entertainment business," said Egerdeen. Many bands aren't available because they are recording. Egerdeen said he would rather maintain the quality of entertainment than forge ahead with something substandard.

John Lassel, DSA president, agreed that the year started off well with orientation kits being sold out early. New activities are being tried out all the time. Mini pubs and movie nights, such as the one held in October have been successful, he said.

Student involvement in student activities can help students feel stronger ties to their school, which in turn, creates school spirit, Lassel said.

"You only get out what you put in."

The DSA open house that was held in October gave the students a chance to tell the student government what they wanted to see happen with their money. They asked (through their suggestions) for more dance music and roadshows, he said. The Halloween pub was a roadshow.

"It's very frustrating when you set up committees to look into these things," said Lassel, who urges the student body to support the DSA. "You have to accentuate the positive."

Lassel said there will always be people who think that spirit is low.

"If people are looking for us to spoon-feed them, it'll never happen." He encourages students to attend the Nov. 22 pub, or a change in entertainment may be made.

"Maybe there won't be pubs after this year," Lassel said.

## Recycling program at Guelph gets under way

By Karen Neath

Conestoga's Guelph campus is in conjunction with the City of Guelph in initiating a recycling program that started Nov. 11.

The program was introduced by campus administrator Joyce Uberig. Uberig also has set up educational displays to inform the students, staff and faculty at the campus about recycling.

After consultation and discus-

sions with the Guelph Student Association, various student groups, faculty and staff, Uberig decided the response toward a recycling program would be positive and enthusiastic.

The city will supply the campus with blue boxes and storage containers for the program. McLellan Disposal Services, the company presently under contract with the

campus for garbage pickup, will also be responsible for pick up of recyclable material.

"Due to the enthusiasm shown, I know the program will be successful," Uberig said.

### What's new at the Doon Learning Resource Centre?

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# Muslim-born Canadian explains customs

By Karen Morrison

Rania Lawendy has received 19 marriage proposals in two years. Some of the men she knows and some of them she doesn't. The men have contacted her father and he discusses it with her. Lawendy is a Muslim born in Canada, but raised the way of her parents.

Lawendy spoke to Lee Bryant's world religions class Oct. 30 about the difference between Egypt and Canada and the way both live.

Lawendy was born in Canada while her parents were visiting. But the family moved to Canada after three years.

The laws in Egypt are very different from those in Canada, according to Lawendy. The punishment for stealing in Egypt is having the right hand of the thief cut off and the stump dipped in boiling oil. This doesn't apply if the person is poor, if the money is public, if the goods aren't guarded or if there are not two male witnesses. A woman can be a witness,

but there must be two female witnesses to equal one male witness. This is because women aren't around to witness crimes, said Lawendy, they stay in the home.

Stores are left unlocked during prayer times because the storekeepers trust the people. Thefts rarely happen because of the strict punishments.

The punishment for adultery for unmarried people is 100 lashes with a whip, and for married people, stoning to death. This applies only if one person admits to the adultery or there are four male witnesses.

Witnesses are rarely needed because Muslim people believe they can only be punished once for a crime. If a person admits to adultery and is punished, that person won't go to hell for the crime whereas if the person doesn't admit to the crime, that person will be sent to hell.

In Egypt, people have to get married. Women are usually married between the ages of 16 and 20. Women get married to be sure they

are provided for and to repopulate the Islamic countries.

The Muslims believe that women can only be respected if they hide their hair and skin. The only skin allowed to be shown is the face and hands. Women wear long dresses and veils over their hair. Their proof is the way women are treated as sex objects in the western world, according to Lawendy.

Men and women can be arrested for not covering their bodies properly in public, according to Lawendy. Men have to be covered from their knees to their bellybuttons. Men also have to avert their gaze at women in the street and they can't say anything about them.

Lawendy wears clothing over her whole body and a veil over her hair all the time. She wears track pants and a sweat shirt for sports which she is very active in.

In regards to other religions, Lawendy said she respects the Bible and the Torah but doesn't agree with certain things in them.



Rania Lawendy

(Photo by Karen Morrison)

Muslims get to heaven through good deeds they do and bad deeds count against the person who did them.

Muslims must pray five times a

day, said Lawendy. They pray before the sun comes up, around noon, about 4:30, at sundown and before they go to bed. They must wash before they pray.

## Remembrance Day attended by fewer than 15



Jamie Slater, secretary of the DSA, left, and Tim Egerdeen, entertainment manager, plant a tree. (Photo by Karen Morrison)

By Karen Morrison

Conestoga College's Remembrance Day tree planting ceremony was attended by less than 15 students even though the yearly event was well promoted.

Jamie Slater, secretary for the Doon Student Association, made a short speech about the importance

of Remembrance Day just before the tree was planted.

Slater put the first shovel of earth around the tree's roots, followed by Tim Egerdeen, entertainment manager for the DSA, and Cheryl Davenport, DSA's activities co-ordinator. Those attending were encouraged to also shovel earth on the tree.

Davenport said following the gathering that she was disappointed with the poor turnout. "It was well advertised," she said. "We put up flyers all over the school."

Davenport said the event has been running for the three years she has been at Conestoga College to remember the people who died in the world wars.

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# High school students earn credit at college

By Penny Dibben

Through a "unique" program, area high school students are earning secondary school credits for courses taken at Conestoga College.

Four afternoons a week, 26 students from Cambridge's two separate high schools are bused to Conestoga for two technology courses. A manufacturing technology course is taught at Doon, and a transportation technology course at Guelph. The high schools lack their own technical facilities.

Bill Townshend, special assistant in community relations, oversees Conestoga's link with the Waterloo County separate school board. He said provincial officials have told him no other community college in the province offers faculty-taught credit courses for high school students.

Offered now for the second semester in a row, the courses are held at the request of the school board, Townshend said in an interview from his office.

By taking courses they enjoy, these students become more motivated, he said. And "that motivation is transferred to their other high school subjects." He suggested some of them might

have dropped out of school had they not taken part in the technology courses.

He said when students spend time at the college, they see it as a "very viable and desirable post-secondary education."

College faculty benefit from the interchange as well. Faculty achieve a better understanding of high school students, which is "enlightening", said Townshend.

This agreement with the separate school board is "the most concrete and practical example of a successful linkage program that we have," Townshend said.

It is just one of many. Conestoga has linkage agreements with all seven of the public and separate school boards in the four counties served by the college — Waterloo, Wellington, Huron and Perth.

Other linkages include curriculum planning with schools to avoid unnecessary overlap between high school and college, and meetings between college and high school staff to share expertise, "professional development activities."

Through another linkage, high school students tour Conestoga's technical facilities where they are given the opportunity to make some small objects and take them

home. Summing up Conestoga's linkage programs, Townshend said, "We have a good working relationship with (those seven) boards."

Because of budgetary restrictions, these programs need to run at little or no cost to the college. Where costs are incurred, the college bills the school board, which receives grants from the provincial government for such purposes.

Townshend sees himself as a "catalyst" and "facilitator" in the linkage process.

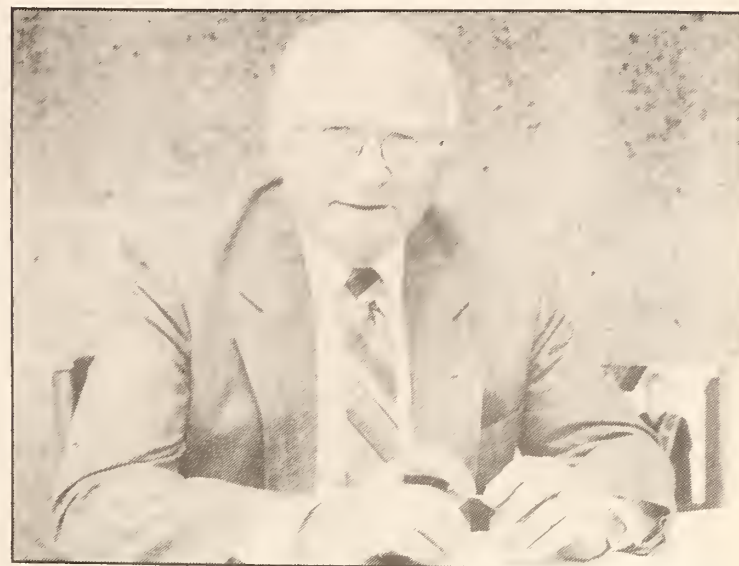
"I make the contacts happen and make sure the follow-through, that is necessary, takes place."

"Bringing the right people together is the key factor" in successful linkages.

He said the college gains from the linkage process. "It gains credibility for the college. The school boards know the college better and what it has to offer."

Conestoga has had informal links with area school boards dating back many years, but in the last few years the ministries of education and colleges and universities began advocating greater co-operation between the educational systems.

Townshend said he believes the linkage programs will continue and broaden in the future. Next semester Conestoga will be teaching two new courses for high school students, a construction engineering course at Guelph and a communications technology course at Doon.



Bill Townshend

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## College hires for peer tutoring job

By Stephanie Doucette

The Guelph and Waterloo campus will have a part-time person looking after the student services peer tutoring program.

The program was added to the college's budget after it was brought to college officials' attention that the two campuses had asked for someone to be available.

In the past, the peer tutoring responsibilities hadn't been any individual's job, but were divided among several people.

Sandra Johnstone has taken on the peer tutoring job, and works a seven-hour shift Mondays at the Guelph campus, and Tuesdays at Waterloo.

"This isn't the first time I've set up the program. I worked on it when I was a student at the college, and I worked with them on a contract basis after graduation," said Johnstone.

Johnstone said she really believes in the peer tutoring program and feels it is also a concept that helps the college.

"The program is one student helping another student and they are able to input the knowledge to another student on their own level. They will show them how to be good students, how to study and how to organize themselves."

Johnstone will be playing a major role in promoting the program through the two campuses. She is working on setting up a list of tutors that will enable her to process student applications more quickly. The system will also be used by the clerical staff and counsellors

who will take over when she isn't there. She is also working on a bulletin board to pass messages to students and tutors.

"The program builds self-esteem in the students, and there have been results in students' evaluations. They come from the apprenticeship programs and the diploma programs. Math is also a really strong area."

Peer tutoring is a part-time job for the students. They use the material that they learn in school and, by going over it again, they too get a better understanding.

Johnstone will only go to work full-time if the campus grows and the students become more aware and want the program.

"The college is willing to back you, and they are helping students get through the tough times. They do expect the students to attend classes regularly, do their homework, and be interested in the program they are in, and care. The program is well worth the money that is invested by the college."

Johnstone said the program builds student confidence and helps them to realize that by doing the work and having the facts in front of them they too can do the work.

"Hopefully, by promoting the program enough the tutors will be paid a wage by the college not the student."

Johnstone said she would like to see brainstorming sessions set up where students can get together and share their ideas and build a support system.

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# Technology ignored, according to Zawada

By John Ruetz

Conestoga's Detweiler Centre and woodworking centre are the most underrated and unnoticed facilities on the Doon campus campus, according to the chair of engineering technology/trades and apprenticeships, Hans Zawada.

"People are not aware of what we have got here. I mean, the students and the people who work here should be able to take pride in this place," said Zawada.

"Technology" as part of the college's full name is neither recognized nor appreciated, Zawada said. He would like to see this changed.

He said the college will develop a better view of itself when the college community discovers what a fine educational institution Conestoga really is.

Because both the woodworking and Detweiler buildings are separate from Doon campus's main building, many students are unaware these industry-praised facilities exist.

"This centre (Detweiler) was designed and dedicated for electrical skills training, specifically for the needs of students. A lot of thought went into the design and construction of this place," said Zawada.

The centre's 32,000 square feet of classrooms, research and training facilities opened in 1985, several years after the federal government agreed to provide a \$2.4 million grant for construction.

The centre features four laboratories, five shop areas, and a large machinery and apparatus hall. A lounge, offices, library and more than 400 tons of electrical machinery, much of it donated by industry, complete the site. There is lots of space for staff and the 600 students who pass through the centre annually.

"The industry loves this place . . . We are the envy of other colleges," said Zawada.

Fanshawe, Mohawk and Lambton colleges offer electrical training programs, but only Conestoga offers everything all those

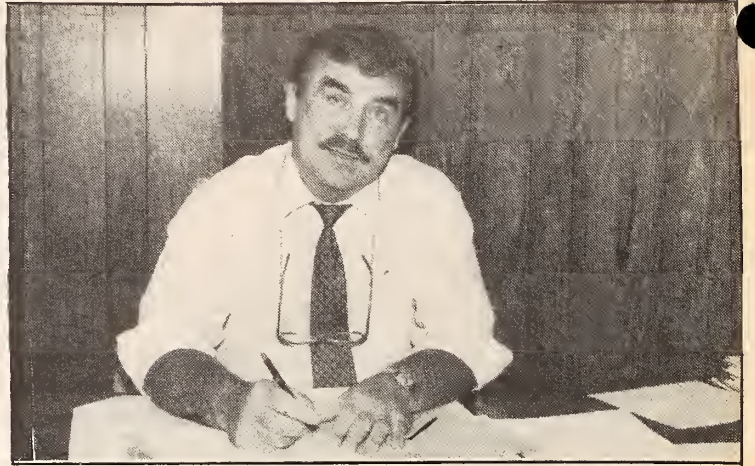
programs combined.

Some training at the Detweiler Centre can be found in few other places.

The motor rewind program is one of only three offered in North America, according to Zawada. "This use-and-throw-away age is gone. Companies with expensive motors don't just go out and buy new ones.

"Rewinding motors had almost become a lost art in recent years. Interest in it had almost gone," he said, adding there is a growing need for people who can do this work.

Keeping up with industry needs is a key to educational success for Zawada. "We need to be flexible to meet industry needs. We're looking at short-term courses to satisfy specific demands, quick fixes, you might call it."



Hans Zawada

(Photo by John Ruetz)

The Detweiler centre's reputation has attracted attention around the province, including students from other colleges. "Two George Brown grads are here this year to take upgrading courses they could not have taken before.

"Word spreads among students in trade area. They'll decide to at-

tend this place because they talk about the centre and (about) the woodworking shops on the other side of the campus," Zawada said.

"You know what it's like sitting in a classroom with a lot of theory and no experience," said Zawada. "Here, it's classroom, then get out there and do it. . . . It's all realistic."

## Arcade way of killing spare time

By P. Hohnholz Gesiarz

For Doon campus student Barb Teat, it is a form of relaxation between classes. For other students here it is a way of killing time while waiting for the bus or a ride home.

For Phil Olinski, the Doon Student Association business manager, it contributes a small amount of revenue to the association's budget.

The video games and pinball machines located in the campus lounge have provided students and others with many exotic electric settings.

From the prehistoric past of dinosaurs and he-men, to post-nuclear Amazonian women, the games are popular — even among faculty and support staff.

As far as Olinski is aware, the games have always been available in the student lounge. Olinski said they have been there ever since he has been associated with Conestoga College — over 7 1/2 years.

The DSA rents the machines from the Kitchener Coin Machine Company under a complicated revenue-sharing agreement that takes into account the costs of servicing and repairing the games.

The most popular game among students, according to Olinski, is the hockey game, Blades of Steel.

"We rely on the expertise of the company to provide popular games," said Olinski.

The company regularly changes the types of games available.



Paul Davidson, right, and Kirano Mehta, left, year 1 general arts.

(Photo by P. Hohnholz Gesiarz)

Teat, a second-year computer programmer analyst student, said the games provide a colorful video escape from her dull computer screen.

"I spend a lot time playing video games. I come here at least three or four times a week," she said.

Many of the students playing the games spend more than one quarter at a time.

"The more you spend, the better you play," said Teat, as the video

screen in front of her congratulated her on a well-played game.

Although there have been some complaints of noise, Olinski dismisses the noise levels when com-

pared to the other activities taking place in the lounge.

At the moment there is no room to expand the number of machines available, but studies are being conducted to see if an arcade room could be placed in the future student services building.

## Conestoga College trying to keep students in school

By Penny Dibben

Would-be dropouts, take heart. Conestoga is working harder than ever to keep you in school.

The old way of bringing in a full quota of first-year students and then seeing many of them drop by the wayside before graduation is damaging to students — and doesn't do much for the college either, said Sharon Kalbfleisch, dean of Applied Arts and Preparatory Studies.

"We recognized that it wasn't fiscally sound, and it's not academically or emotionally or socially sound for the student," she said.

As part of college president John Tibbitts's new long-range plan, each school of the college has set up a working group to promote student success. This includes better screening of applicants in addition to trying to keep more students until graduation.

Keeping those students will help the college stay in the black.

"If we were more able to keep students in programs, it would certainly make the financial situation of this college very different," Kalbfleisch said.

College funding comes primarily in the form of a provincial grant per student. Although the amount of the grant varies with the program, it averages about \$5,100 per student, according to Kevin Mullan, vice-president of finance.

Kalbfleisch pointed out that the college can't reduce faculty costs even if there is a high drop-out rate in a course. If 50 people begin a program and only 10 remain by third year, those 10 students still need all their courses.

But a lowering of academic standards in order to pass more students is not part of the plan, said Kalbfleisch.

"Graduating students simply for the sake of graduating is a mistake for the student and a mistake for the college," she said.

But she conceded the new emphasis on student success does pose a potential problem. "The risk is always there" that faculty will feel some pressure to pass undeserving students, Kalbfleisch said.

Good student-faculty contact is one of the best ways to ensure students, especially struggling ones, stay in their program, said Kalbfleisch.

"The feeling that faculty care about students is really critical to making students feel they should hang in when it's just so hard to," she said.

The various student success groups are investigating why students leave before completion of their program.

Every student who formally withdraws, speaks to the co-ordinator of his or her program and also to someone in student services, who, in particular, have been collecting data on why students leave.

"We are attempting to find, as best as we can, the reasons why students do leave, rather than just sitting in an ivory tower trying to dream it up," Kalbfleisch said.

"What I am being told, is that that the number one reason why (students withdraw) is finances."

She said students sometimes don't know how much going to college will cost them or don't know to how to manage the OSAP they receive.

Kalbfleisch suggested that budget counselling or samples of mock-up budgets might be one solution to help such people.

Other students have difficulty because of the independence of a college environment. "They just get lost."

They would probably benefit from time management or study skills, said Kalbfleisch.

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# Lynne Woolstencroft: Confessions of a 'tree hugger'

By P. Hohnholz Gesiarz

As Lynne Woolstencroft looks out the tinted windows of the post-modern structure that is Waterloo city hall, she makes a mental note of the concrete embankments of the downtown section of Laurel Creek constructed by the Grand River Conservation Authority. The concrete embankments, according to Woolstencroft, are contradictory to a policy of "conservation."

## Dedication to the cause of the environment

Woolstencroft, a city councillor for five years and a Conestoga College business communications teacher for the last 16 years, is a political leader in the community. Woolstencroft is dedicated to organizing enterprises related to the environment.

"I've been in a unique situation in my own society. I have been one of the few women with a fair amount of power at an early age. I have been unwittingly in the middle of the women's movement," said the 45-year-old Woolstencroft.

## A determined will to public service

Woolstencroft is not your usual politician concerned with personal political ambition, she says, but thinks of her role as a calling to public service. Yet Woolstencroft has an underlying will and determination to see projects carried out.

"I don't have a lot of political ambition. I go where I'm buffeted. It seems there was a great need for leadership in the issues of the environment"

## Woolstencroft received national media exposure

Woolstencroft was first elected to Waterloo city council in 1985, and re-elected in 1989 running on an environmental platform. She received national media exposure from the Globe and Mail for her sparse electoral campaign. Her campaign literature was printed on small recycled paper bags, and was an obvious success.

According to a recent report to Waterloo city council, the recycling program has exceeded many of the city's and Ministry of the Environment's expectations. To some extent this is due to Woolstencroft's organizational abilities which translate her commitment to the environment into environmentally friendly municipal policies.

The only problems Woolstencroft sees in the recycling program are the secondary schools, colleges and universities.

She calls the recycling program at Conestoga College "absolute nonsense. It has been co-ordinated by one college professor and an assortment of students. Although they have tried hard, they get very little support, causing the program to be very erratic and ineffectual."

## Recycling program at Conestoga beneficial

To Woolstencroft, an effective recycling program at Conestoga would be as beneficial to society as the work she has done for the city of Waterloo.

"We train the people who will become the community leaders. Everyone says that university students will be the leaders, but really, it's the colleges where middle-management comes from. They are the opinion leaders in society. It is not necessarily those at the top of the company who decide in which direction the company goes."

The biggest thing Conestoga students can do, according to Woolstencroft, is to complain to Beaver Foods, which operates the Doon cafeteria, about wasteful packaging.

"If you drink two cups of coffee a day, that would be a minimum of 360 cups during an academic school year. Multiply that by 3,000 individuals and you've made a statement."

During her first term on city council, Woolstencroft's environmental policies were neglected as the council members continually told her that the cost for projects were too extravagant.

With the election of a new mayor and council, things changed rapidly. Current mayor Brian Turnbull

was instrumental in setting up the recycling committee.

"It is doubtful that this would have happened under anybody else's leadership," she said.

## Public participation in recycling needed

In soliciting public participation on the recycling committee, Woolstencroft said she was overwhelmed by the number of applicants — 70: involvement has now grown to 160 citizens. The committee is divided into several sub-committees, including business, industry and institutions which examine ways to increase recycling in each sector.

## Booklet explains practical ways to green living

One of the priorities of the committee is public education. The city's recycling committee has received one of the largest grants given by Environment Canada to publish a handbook on reducing, reusing and recycling refuse.

The booklet was published this summer and distributed free throughout the region. There have been inquiries from other communities about buying the printing rights to the booklet, titled Towards the Year 2000: A Practical Guide to Green Living.

Another environmental step by the city, according to Woolstencroft, is the recent creation of the position of environmental co-ordinator to advise the mayor on priorities and directions of Waterloo's environmental projects.

"This is a unique position in municipal government, especially for a community of this size," Woolstencroft said.

Woolstencroft said she would carry her environmental crusade to regional government, and has already



Lynne Woolstencroft explains the elements of composting.

(Photo by P. Hohnholz Gesiarz)

ready been asked to chair a committee. Unfortunately, by working on 11 city committees, four regional committees, and teaching six courses at Conestoga College, Woolstencroft feels she is risking burnout.

"I don't see the new position as opening up new possibilities for me, but rather as more work," she said.

## "I would like to return to university."

Since public participation on "green" issues in Waterloo has been so great, Woolstencroft now toys with the idea of not contesting her city council seat in the next elections. She is thinking about going back to university to continue graduate studies.

Woolstencroft became involved in environmental issues as a high school teacher. She became known as a "tree hugger" for the initiation of various tree-planting projects. While a member of the school board, Woolstencroft also initiated a recycling project.

## The inheritance of environmental views

Woolstencroft inherited her environmental views from her father, who was a doctor and concerned about the effects of the environment on health; her grandfather, who, as a farmer, had close ties to the Saskatchewan landscape; her education in biology; and the influence of her husband's early geography and geology education.

"When we were first married, he used to fill up the back of my sports car with debris and ecological specimens," Woolstencroft said.

Woolstencroft started her political career as a trustee on the Waterloo regional public school board from 1970 to 1985. During that time she eventually became its chairperson as well as president of the Association of Public School Boards of Ontario, a member of the Ontario School Board Trustees Council, and chairperson of the Canadian School Trustees.

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# Book ordering service available at book store

By Sarah Bowers

Students shouldn't panic if they come to the bookstore and the text they are looking for is not available, said the senior clerk at the college bookstore.

Teachers order a certain number of books for their class, but students may buy some just for general interest, said Anne Rektor.

"We can't screen who buys the books," she said.

If the bookstore does not have enough books, Rektor recommends students check with a cashier to see if there is a back order. If there is not, students should then report the shortage to their teacher who can contact the bookstore about reordering the number of books needed.

Rektor said it's better if the

teacher finds out how many books are needed and order them all at once, although the bookstore can place orders as small as one book. This has been helpful to students in the past, Rektor said.

Sometimes students find a book in a library and they feel it will help them in their program, said Rektor. All that is needed to order a book is the author's name, the title of the book and the name of the publisher. A deposit of \$10 is required, but that is included in the price of the book when it arrives. She said Canadian books take two to three weeks to order if they are in stock. American volumes need four to six weeks because they have to pass through customs.

"We've done a fair amount of special book orders," Rektor said.

## Program aids unemployed to get back in workforce

By Robert W. Maddox

If you are 45 years of age or older and recently unemployed, the Ontario government could have an option for you.

The Transitions program, a grant provided by the Ontario government, is designed to help unemployed workers return to the labor market.

Gail Resch, of Conestoga College's registrar office, said Transitions credit holders can still receive OSAP assistance. The Transitions grant, is viewed as part of the applicant's income, so therefore, OSAP awards will be recalculated.

Available to anyone who has been laid off in the last six months because of a work shortage, a business failure, or a plant moving or closing, the program offers a credit up to \$5,000 with the Ontario Minis-

try Skills and Development for a period of two years.

This credit can be used at any government approved college, university, education board, a private or vocational school.

Since Transitions began three years ago, the program has assisted more than 9,000 unemployed workers.

In the last six months alone, Transitions has assisted over 3,000 men and women.

Michael Ferdinand, training consultant for Ontario Skills and Development, said Transition credits can be used with an employer who will provide employee training.

Ferdinand said the applicant saves time by working directly with the ministry and can expect a reponse in four to six weeks. However, Ferdinand warned, this credit is available "only once".

## Women win tournament

The Conestoga Condors women's basketball team travelled to Durham College for the Durham College Invitational tournament on Nov. 10 and captured the championship.

The Condors beat the host team 68-52 in the final. The women led 29-23 at the half and never relinquished the lead.

Dhana Clements led the Condors with 18 points. Karen Auld scored 16 points and Shari Jeffery added 11.

In the opening game, the Condors pounded Redeemer College 67-34. Clements scored 28 points, while Cathy Ryan, Auld and Jeffery each scored 10.

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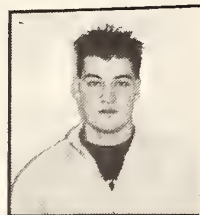
## Athletes of the week



Karen Auld

Karen Auld, a third-year marketing student at the Doon campus, of the women's basketball Condors is the female athlete of the week for the week ending Nov. 10.

Auld scored 42 points in three Condor basketball games and was named to the all-star team at the Durham College Invitational tournament.



Brad Shantz

Brad Shantz of the men's hockey Condors was named the male athlete of the week for the week ending Nov. 10.

He scored the winning goal in overtime as the Condors defeated the University of Buffalo in Buffalo on Nov. 10. He is enrolled in the first-year construction technology program at the Doon campus.

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# When does a date become a crime?

It happens when a man forces a woman to have sex against her will. And even when it involves college students, it's still considered a criminal offense. A felony. Punishable by prison.

So if you want to keep a good time from turning into a bad one, try to keep this in mind.

When does a date become a crime?  
When she says "No." And he refuses to listen.

Against her will is against the law.

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